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| For: FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY HAVING | : | |
| A DETACHABLE SUPPORT MEMBER | : | |
| FOR A DAMPER MECHANISM | : | |
| THEREOF (As Amended) | : | |

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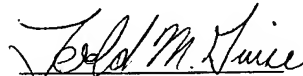
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication JP06-129444 appears to disclose a clutch disk. A English language translation of the Abstract is attached herewith to understand better this reference.

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